to CITU and commanding majority of the membership by the Engineering Project India Limited Management;

(b) whether there is a directive from the Government to cutshort huge expenditure on unnecessary transfers in Engineering Project India Limited; and

(c) if so, whether it is a fact that in violation of above directive the EPI management has resorted to transfers involving huge expenditure indicating the details of such transfers with expenditure involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) For recognition of Trade Union several formalities viz. registration with Registrar of Trade Union, Compliance with the provisions of law, verfication of membership, code of discipline etc. are involved. EPI have written to Registrar of Trade Unions, Govt of West Bengal regarding registration of All India Site Employees Union. There is no reply from them and hence the question of withholding recognition does not arise.

(b) No unnecessary transfers have been done in EPI incurring huge expenditure nor is there any directive from the Govt. on the subject.

(c) Does not arise.

Separate township for the Japanese industrialists

2052. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to permit Japanese industrialists to establish separate townships for them to promote educational and cultural activities alongwith their industries in India; and

(b) whether Government have received similar proposals from other multi-nationals and NRIs and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) At present only a feasibility study for setting up separate industrial township (Industrial Model Town) having multi-functional office building and a number of supporting activities like hospital, shopping centre etc., with Japanses assistance to promote investment and technology inflow from Japan is contemplated.

(b) No, Sir.

Improvement of National news programmes

2053. SHRI M. M. HASHIM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BOARDCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government are taking to improve the quality of the news programmes;

(b) whether there is any proposal to change the format of the existing national news programmes;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that the low quality of the news programmes is reducing the impact of conveying the Government's view point; and

(d) if so, measures being taken to improve the national news programmes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Improving the quality of news bulletins and news-based programmes is a continuous process and every effort is made to maintain a high standard.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. All India Radio and Doordarshan cover a wide variety of news and views including the policies and programmes of the Government through the news bulletins and news-based programmes.

(d) Does not arise.